ARMY's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program

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I. A.M. STRONG.

INTERVENE

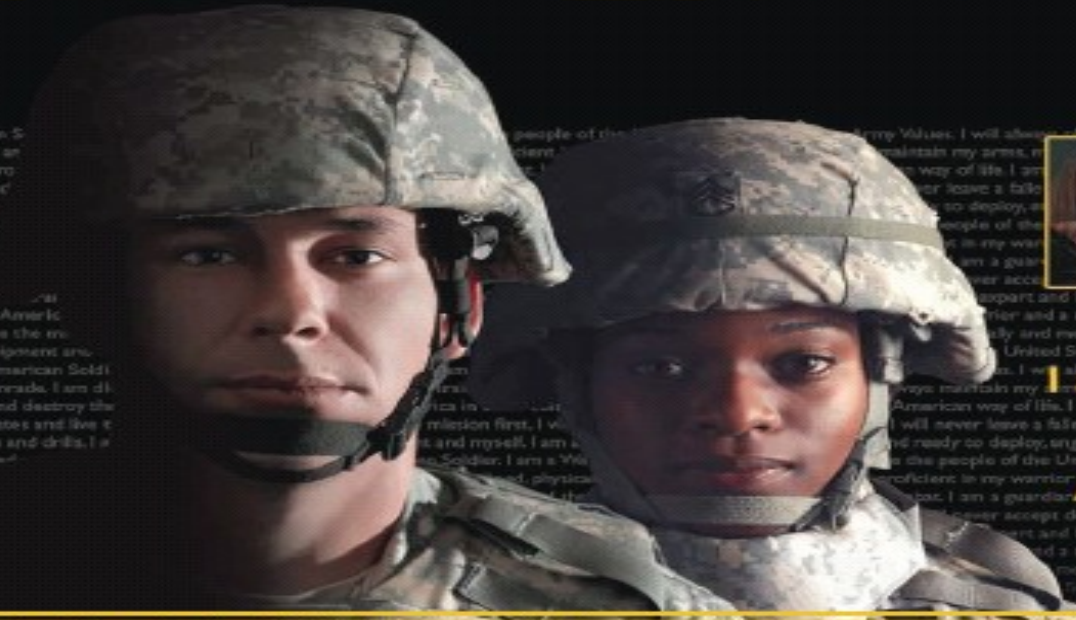
When I recognize a threat to my fellow Soldiers, I will have the personal courage to **INTERVENE** and prevent Sexual Assault. I am a warrior and a member of a team. I will **INTERVENE**.

ACT

You are my brother, my sister, my fellow Soldier. It is my duty to stand up for you, no matter the time or place. I will take **ACTION**. I will do what's right. I will prevent Sexual Assault. I will **ACT**.

MOTIVATE

We are American Soldiers, **MOTIVATED** to engage and keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent Sexual Assault. As Soldiers, we are all **MOTIVATED** to take action. We are strongest … together.



I am strong.

I am ARMY STRONG.

And so are you.

Loyalty Duty Respect Selfless Service Honor Integrity Personal Courage Loyalty Duty Respect Selfless Service Honor Integrity Personal Courage

Program Purpose

Eliminate incidents of sexual assault through
a comprehensive program that centers on:

- A Climate of Change in Sexual Assault Prevention
- Support Services
- Accountability

Army Policy on Sexual Assault

Sexual assault is a **CRIMINAL OFFENSE** that has no place in the Army. It degrades mission readiness by devastating the Army's ability to work effectively as a team.....It is incompatible with the Army Values and is punishable under UCMJ, Federal and local civilian laws... The Army will treat all victims of sexual assault with dignity, fairness, and respect.

AR 600-20, Paragraph 8-2

DoD Definition of Sexual Assault

- Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

- Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.

DoD FY08 Sexual Assault Statistics

- In FY08, there were 2908 reports of sexual assault involving military service members, representing an 8% increase from FY07.
  - 2,265 were Unrestricted (9% increase)
  - 753 were Restricted (7%)
    - 110 (or 15%) of the Restricted Reports were converted to Unrestricted reports, leaving 643 remaining restricted reports

Types of Sexual Assault

- Rape
- Nonconsensual sodomy
- Indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling)
- Attempts to commit these acts

DoD Definition of Sexual Assault

- "Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat of force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.
- Title 21, Oklahoma Statutes
- Age of consent

Reporting Options

- **RESTRICTED**
- **UNRESTRICTED**
- **LIMITED**

Restricted Reporting

- Victim discloses sexual assault on a **CONFIDENTIAL** basis
- Must be reported to:
  - Unit Victim Advocate (UVA)
  - Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
  - Healthcare Provider
  - Chaplain

Restricted Reporting

- Allows Soldier to receive medical treatment
- Allows Soldier to receive counseling
- Does **NOT** trigger investigative process
- UVA assigned (victim's choice)
- Details of case held within 4 reporting avenues, limited to **"need to know"**
- **Can be** changed to unrestricted at anytime

Unrestricted Reporting

- **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)**
- **Unit Victim Advocate (UVA)**
- **Medical Facility**
- **Unit Chaplain**
- **Chain of Command**
- **Military Police**
- **Criminal Investigation Command (CID)**
- **Staff Judge Advocate (SJA)**
- **911**
- **Military One Source**

Unrestricted Reporting

- Allows Soldier to receive medical treatment
- Allows Soldier to receive counseling
- Investigative process is initiated
- UVA assigned (victim's choice)
- Support from Chain of Command
- Details of case held in strictest confidentiality, limited to **"need to know"** personnel
- Once reported, **CANNOT** be changed to Restricted

Limited Reporting

- Restricted, then refer
- Civilians / Technicians / State Employees
- Victim discloses sexual assault on a **CONFIDENTIAL** basis
- Must be reported to:
  - Unit Victim Advocate (UVA)
  - Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
  - Healthcare Provider
  - Chaplain

Limited Reporting

- Allows Soldier to receive emergency medical treatment
  - Other medical treatment is with PCP/Civilian Dr
- Allows Soldier to receive counseling
  - Chaplain, Military One Source
  - Civilian resources
- Does **NOT** trigger investigative process
- Details of case held within 4 reporting avenues, limited to **“need to know”**

Victim's Reluctance to Report

- Embarrassment or shame
- Fear of reprisal by perpetrator or command
- Depression and feelings of helplessness
- Low self-esteem
- Anger and/or guilt
- Belief that nothing will be done
- Fear of being punished for "collateral" misconduct (e.g. underage drinking, etc.)

Rights of the Victim

Reporting options
Be treated with fairness and respect
Be protected
Seek/obtain Information about the the case
Victims have the right to
Be notified of court proceedings
Confer with attorney for the government in the case
Be present at all court proceedings

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